Wetland Restoration General Permit
A General Permit is available for wetland restoration practices, including ponds, under NR 353, Wis. Adm. Code. To qualify for this general permit, your project must meet the following conditions:

1. The project purpose is wetland conservation (restoration, enhancement, preservation or management of wetlands). For example, this general permit does not authorize the construction of a detention basin in wetlands for stormwater management, even if the detention basin or the project of which the basin is a part will also result in habitat creation or enhancement. Similarly, this chapter does not authorize a flood control project that may also result in creation or enhancement of some wildlife habitat.

2. With this application you must submit photographs showing the entire project sitre in relation to the navigable watercourse in pre-construction condition.

3. Site conditions exhibit impacts to topography, soils, native vegetation or hydrology that have degraded a wetland and are potentially reversible.

4. The project involves only the activities listed in s. NR353.05:
    *   removing or disabling a section of drain tile
    *   disabling surface drains by filling of the ditch downstream of the drainage system to be altered
    *   constructing dikes, embankments and low berms
    *   removing vegetation or post-European settlement deposition, including shallow scrapes, submerged islands and interconnected open water areas
    *   altering the hydrology of an area by removing pumps, breaching structures or manipulating water control structures
    *   introducing plants, installing and maintaining devices such as staff gauges, water level recording devices, and similar monitoring equipment

5. Project proposals that include the activities listed in s. NR353(3) to (5) and have existing wetlands on or adjacent to the project area are eligible for this general permit only if both of the following conditions are met:
    *   agricultural crops, invasive wetland species or early successional hydrophyte species dominate the project area
    *   the proposed activities will not cause significant adverse impact to undisturbed wetland plant communities on-site or adjacent to the project area.

6. The project is confined to non-navigable waters or waters that are navigable-in-fact without stream history and may not impact cold water resources

7. The project does not involve the planned introduction of non-native or invasive plants

8. The project does not involve the control of native wetland plant species unless the applicant has demonstrated that the activity is to maintain a wetland community or to diversify a monoculture of a monotypic stand of invasive wetland plants

9. Any dike, berm or embankment is less than 2 feet high as measured from natural ground surface and impounds less than 50 acre feet of water or is less than 6 feet high and has been designed by a professional engineer registered in the state of Wisconsin or submitted by a county, state or federal agency.

If your project will meet all the above requirements, follow the instructions on the following pages to submit a General Permit Application to the Department. We will respond within 30 days to notify you that your project is approved, or that additional information is required to complete your application. In some cases, you may be notified that your project requires an Individual Permit.

For more information about Waterway Permitting in Wisconsin, see our website at:

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/waterway/index.shtml

Application Requirements

1. **A written narrative that demonstrates:**
   - The general site characteristics and any adjacent wetlands including aerial photographs of the proposed restoration area.
   - A description of existing site conditions including soils, hydrologic conditions, current land use, plant communities present, and a wetland delineation
   - The project purpose is wetland restoration
   - Site conditions are conducive for restoration
   - The project is a listed wetland conservation activity (NR 353.05) or is a pre-existing wetland conservation project (NR 353-10)
   - The project does not involve navigable waters with prior stream history or cold water systems
   - The project will not cause an obstruction of fish passage to spawning areas
   - The project will not cause an impact to threatened or endangered species
   - The project will not impact cultural or historical resources and will comply with SS44.40
   - Any water control structures meet the standards in NR 353.05(3)
   - Invasive species are not introduced or planned with this project
   - Any wetland vegetation manipulation that is to occur with this project
   - Long-term site management goals
   - Sufficient information to determine compliance with SS 88.91(1), drainage district law
2. Location of the project site delineated on a USGS 1:24000 quadrangle map or copy
3. A sketch of the project with dimensions, including a top, cross-sectional and a side view of the project. For projects under 353.05 (dikes, embankments, pumps, re-routing artificial drainage features) include design plans and specifications
4. If the department determines the proposed project will reduce the effective flood flow capacity of the waterway by obstruction of existing flood flow area, information sufficient for the department to conduct a hydrologic or hydraulic analysis
5. Use for GP

Submit your application

A **$50 fee** is required for a Wetland Restoration General Permit unless the project is funded in whole or part by a State or Federal Agency. Remit a check or money order payable to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (do not send cash). An application submitted without the required application fee will be considered incomplete.

Submit three (3) copies of the completed application, narrative and plans. Send the complete application and fee to the DNR office listed below:

NORTHERN REGION COUNTIES

Ashland	Lincoln	Aquatic Habitat Coordinator
Barron	Oneida	DNR Service Center
Bayfield	Polk	107 Sutliff Avenue
Burnett	Price	Rhinelander, WI 54501
Douglas	Rusk	phone (715) 365-8926
Florence	Sawyer	
Forest	Taylor	
Iron	Vilas	
Langlade	Washburn	

WEST CENTRAL REGION COUNTIES

Adams	Marathon	Aquatic Habitat Coordinator
Buffalo	Monroe	DNR Service Center
Chippewa	Pepin	1300 W. Clairemont, Box 4001
Clark	Pierce	Eau Claire, WI 54702-4001
Crawford	Portage	phone (715) 839-1600
Dunn	St Croix	
Eau Claire	Trempealeau	
Jackson	Vernon	
Juneau	Wood	
LaCrosse		

NORTHEAST REGION COUNTIES

Brown	Marquette	Aquatic Habitat Coordinator
Calumet	Menominee	DNR Service Center
Door	Oconto	1125 N. Military, Box 10448
Fond du Lac	Outagamie	Green Bay, WI 54307-0448
Green Lake	Shawano	phone (920) 492-5817
Kewaunee	Waupaca	
Manitowoc	Waushara	
Marinette	Winnebago	

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION COUNTIES

Columbia	Iowa	Aquatic Habitat Coordinator
Crawford	Jefferson	DNR Service Center
Dane	Lafayette	3911 Fish Hatchery Road
Dodge	Richland	Fitchburg, WI 53711
Grant	Rock	phone (608) 275-3282
Green	Sauk	

SOUTHEAST REGION COUNTIES

Kenosha	Sheboygan	Aquatic Habitat Coordinator
Milwaukee	Walworth	DNR Service Center
Ozaukee	Washington	141 NW Barstow, Room 180
Racine	Waukesha	Waukesha, WI 53188
		phone (262) 574-2149

DRAWINGS OF PROPOSED
ACTIVITY SHOULD BE
PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SAMPLE DRAWING

Proposed Materials

Location Sketch (Indicate scale.) Show route
to project site: include nearest main road and crossroad.

N 1"= _____ ft.

Fire Number _____

Project Plans. (Include top view and typical cross sections. Clearly identify features and dimensions or indicate scale.)
Use additional sheets if necessary.

N 1"= _____ ft.

Top View

Cross Section